

### REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 6, 2006 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. No new matter has been added. Claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 are currently pending.

#### *Double Patenting*


In the Office Action, claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 24, 25, 27, and 28 of copending Application No. 10/704,219. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with CFR 1.321(c) is being filed concurrently herewith the Response to overcome the rejection based on the nonstatutory double patenting ground.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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